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SHOOTING SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER PURSUIT

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Friday, December 26th at approximately 2325 hours, a Riverside Police officer in a marked police unit attempted to stop the driver of a white Jeep Cherokee in the 5200 block of La Sierra Avenue. The Jeep Cherokee matched the suspect vehicle description from three incidents that occurred earlier in the morning at three separate locations in that part of Riverside. Two of those incidents were shootings and the third, the suspect brandished a weapon. None of the victims were injured during the shootings.

The suspect refused to stop and a short pursuit ensued. A records check of the vehicle showed it was reported stolen. The suspect eventually drove down the dead end of Pruitt and fled from the vehicle on foot. A perimeter was set around the area and a Riverside Police canine responded to the scene to assist with the search. During a yard to yard search, the police canine apprehended the suspect. Two weapons were recovered from the suspect's vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in the suspect, Charlie Hernandez, 21, of



Riverside, being arrested for two counts of attempted murder and additional charges related to the stolen vehicle and weapons recovered. He was later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

Homicide detectives are also investigating this suspect's involvement in the attempted murder of an 18 year old man on Christmas Eve. That shooting occurred in the field area of the dead-end of Geranium on December 24th. The victim remains hospitalized but is expected to recover from his injuries.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Adrian Tillett at 951-353-7105.

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